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TAGS: UN WA EGEN

SUBJ: BLACKMAIL THREAT TO FOREIGN FIRMS IN NAMIBIA

1. REPRESENTATIVE OF AMERICAN METAL CLIMAX TELEPHONED MISOFF MARCH 20 TO REPORT RECEIVING "PUBLIC WARNING" NOTICE, IN LEAFLET FORM, SENT BY ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF "DEFENSE OF UN EXECUTIVE." AMAX INFORMED US THAT SUBJECT OF NOTE WAS DISCUSSED IN "LONDON OBSERVER" ARTICLE BY COLIN LEGUM, MARCH 17.

2. MISOFF SAID THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF NOTE AND CALLED OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA TO CHECK WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL. COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE WAS AWARE BOTH OF NOTES AND ARTICLE AND PIECED TOGETHER FOLLOWING INFORMATION: NOTES REPORTEDLY WERE

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SENT FROM MANCHESTER, ENGLAND TO BRITISH, FRENCH, CANADIAN, FRG

AND US COMPANIES WITH INVESTMENTS IN NAMIBIA. AMERICAN COMPANIES INCLUDED: AMAX, BETHLEHEM STEEL, BURROUGHS, CONTINENTAL ORE, CONTINENTAL OVERSEAS OIL, FIRESTONE, GENERAL TIRE, GETTY, INTERPURE CORPORATION, ARTHUR MCGEE, NATIONAL CASH REGISTER, PHELPS-DOGE, PHILLIPS, STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA, TEXACO AND US STEEL. "DEFENSE OF UN EXECUTIVE" DESCRIBES ITSELF AS "CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION OF CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS" AND THREATENS THAT UNLESS OFFICIALS OF ADDRESSEES ABIDE BY UN RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NAMIBIA, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO ARREST AND IMPRISONMENT AFTER AUGUST 1. IMPRISONMENT IS DESCRIBED AS SUBJECTION TO CONDITIONS SUCH AS THOSE EXPERIENCED BY NAMIBIAN WORKERS. SENDER STATES THAT ADDRESSEES SHOULD INDICATE TO ONE OF FOLLOWING ADDRESSES THEIR AGREEMENT TO SUPPORT UN RESOLUTIONS: UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, ANTI-APARTHEID GROUP IN LONDON, REV. COLIN WINTER, INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEVERAL OF ALLEGED RESOLUTIONS IN "WARNING" IN FACT WERE NOT PASSED BY UN BODIES.

3. MISSION POUCHING COPY OF "NOTICE," TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY SECRETARIAT, TO DEPT. MARCH 21.

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